

PROBE COMING UPON AIRCRAFT WAR EXPENSES

Investigation of Expenditures to Be Ordered Within 48 Hours.

Within forty-eight hours it is expected that definite steps will be taken, either by President Wilson or by a committee of Congress, to investigate deeply into the charges of waste, profligate and conspiracy which have involved the country's aircraft program.

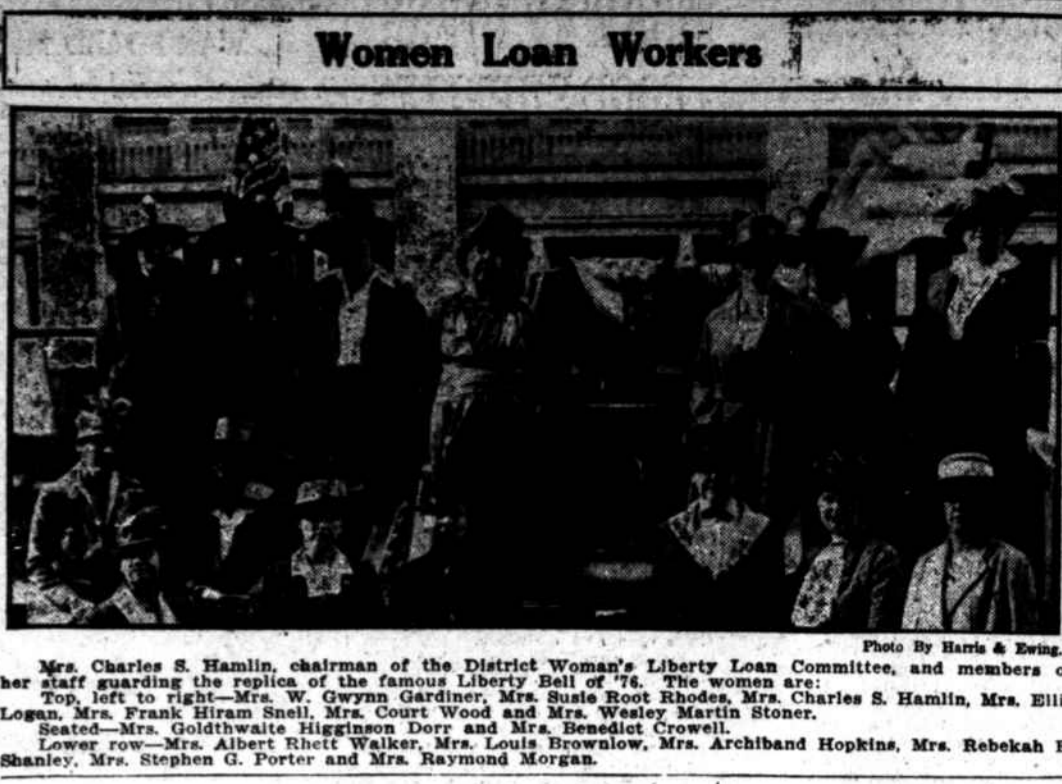
Considers Plan.
The President, it is learned upon the highest authority, is considering the plan of ordering a general court-martial inquiry into all the proceedings of the Aircraft Board. This, it is expected, would give wider scope to the investigation than could be accomplished by a Congressional committee, for the reason that a military trial is not handicapped to the same extent as a civil court.

The President conferred at the White House Friday night with Senator Thomas of Colorado, a member of the Military Affairs Committee, and one of the signers of the majority report of that committee, which condemned the actions of the Aircraft Board. It is understood that Senator Thomas urged a thorough investigation of the entire subject to satisfy the demand of the country for light upon the manner in which the hundreds of millions appropriated by Congress have been expended.

Ask Investigation.
Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, the Republican leader in the Senate, introduced a resolution yesterday to direct the committee on expenditures in the War Department to inquire into the expenditure of appropriations already made for war purposes. The resolution is aimed directly at the expenditures for aircraft and probably will have the effect of forcing the hand of the Senate in the investigation of the government making the investigation.

The committee selected by Senator Gallinger in his resolution is one of the few Republican committees of the Senate, the chairman being Senator Townsend, of Michigan. Other Republicans on the committee are Norris, of Nebraska, and Calder, of New York. The Democratic members are Thomas, of Colorado; Chamberlain, of Oregon; Williams, of Mississippi, and James of Kentucky.

To Quis Board.
Meanwhile the House Military Affairs Committee is preparing to cross-examine officials of the Aircraft Board next Tuesday, when they are to appear before the committee to explain the Department's request for an additional appropriation for airplane purposes of \$1,200,000,000. Of this huge sum the department has asked that \$600,000,000 be made immediately available. This is to take the place of the deficiency appropriation of the same amount which was presented to Congress several weeks ago. Members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee who attended the meeting of the War Council at the War Department yesterday said that their inquiries at that meeting showed that there has been no improvement in the aircraft situation. They declared matters of production are still in an inchoate condition and regard the possibilities of improvement meagre. There is a general reorganization.



Women Loan Workers D. C. Liberty Loan Women Push Drive Over the Top

Total Subscriptions Will Pass \$350,000 Mark Set as Goal Through Efforts of Loyal Workers.

The women of the District of Columbia have gone "over the top" with a boom, yesterday's subscriptions bringing the total up to within eight of the \$350,000 hoped for. As there are still some unreported contributions, additional figures are expected when the grand total is footed up.

In referring to the conclusion of the drive waged by the women, Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin, chairman of the women's liberty loan committee, said: "It has been a most satisfactory campaign. The co-operation of the women's committee and the men's committee has resulted in a great deal of thorough work. Our committee have all been splendidly organized and equipped. They have been made up of women who have devoted all their time to the work and made possible the success of our campaign."

Many of the wives of Congressmen have aided the committee as members and as volunteers in various capacities. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth has served as a vice president and has worked late and early among the subscribers which stands to her credit and to that of her assistants. Mrs. Stephen G. Porter, wife of the Representative from Pittsburgh, mapped out the house-to-house canvass and has worked untiringly during the four weeks past for the success of the drive. Mrs. Alice Pomeroy, Mrs. Julius Kahn, Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis, Mrs. William H. King, Mrs. James R. Mann, Mrs. Charles D. Carter are a few of the wives of United States Senators and Representatives who have spoken and sold and driven and performed divers other kinds of service for the success of the Washington women's liberty loan campaign.

Mrs. Abram Simon, first vice president, has brought not only riches in abundance, but a wealth of information to the cause. Mrs. Carl Vrooman, Mrs. Garrison McClintock, Mrs. Louis Brownlow, Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, Mrs. Henry R. Rea, vice-presidents of the committee, have all worked hard in their various divisions to bring about the successful culmination attained. Mrs. Wesley Martin, chairman of Headquarters Committee, has made the office at 1224 F street an attractive and pleasant place of business for those engaged in both buying and selling the bonds. Mrs. Pierce J. McAuliffe, in charge of the pledge table, has kept strict guard over the amounts in her custody. Mrs. Frank Hiram Snell, chairman of Speakers' Bureau, has brought before the public during the past month many noted men and women to present the cause.

Others Who Aided.
Other Washington women who have given the weight of their efforts to the Women's Committee are Mrs. Court Wood, chairman of Federal Clubs committee; Mrs. Ellis Logan, chairman of Unfederated Clubs; Miss R. T. Shanley, chairman of Public Schools committee; Mrs. Susan Root Rhodes, chairman of Playgrounds committee; Mrs. Lowe, chairman of Twentieth Century Club committee; Mrs. Ira M. Hough, chairman of Penwoman's Club committee; Mrs. J. C. Boyd, chairman of Girls' Friendly Society committee; Mrs. Ernest W. Roberts, chairman of Advertising committee, and Miss Nannie Burroughs, chairman of Colored Women's committee.

Mrs. Louis Brownlow, who took charge of the liberty loan booth at Union Station, at first located in the President's room, where the Italian souvenirs were on exhibition, then in the general waiting room, reported yesterday that her sales for the four weeks' endeavor have amounted to over \$45,000.

Mrs. W. Gwynn Gardiner, wife of another District Commissioner, during the two weeks' intensive work she has put into filling the "bullet booth" north of the Treasury, and later also at Fourteenth and F streets, with a series of fascinating school girl saleswomen, has brought over \$35,000 to the Treasury coffers in this picturesque feature of the women's campaign.

The replica of the Liberty Bell has proven as good herald of liberty as its prototype in Philadelphia. The last note struck by the Liberty Bell has a strong one and was delivered in the presence of Benjamin Franklin statue at Pennsylvania avenue and Tenth street. Among the evening speakers were Maj. Ferguson, of the British army; Col. Beckett, of the Canadian army; Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, member of Federal Reserve Board, and some staunch American soldiers who have seen life in the trenches of France. None among the latter was more interesting than Private William B. Cover, a Washington boy who enrolled three years ago in the Canadian army, fought at Vimy Ridge and bears the scars of nine wounds.

Young Cover is modest, but his quiet words carry the conviction of understanding, and when he matched the President's \$50 bond it was a signal for a great harvest of followers. The grand old Liberty Bell has added to the Women's Committee total the sum of \$45,000 in its week's work.

OFFICIAL REPORTS FROM WAR FRONTS REVIEWING BATTLE
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Three within our lines. Eleven of our machines were missing after dark. "Over two tons of bombs were dropped by us on the 'Chaules and Juville Railway Junctions." "Despite bad weather all our machines returned."

FRENCH.
London, May 4.—The French official statement issued tonight says: "There were no infantry actions in the course of the day. There has been artillery fighting north and south of the Avre and in the region of the lower Ailette."

"On the western front there has been fighting on the Verdun. At Monastir the enemy attempted a surprise attack which was repulsed by the Italians and Serbians. The Serbians captured some Bulgarian trenches. There is nothing to report on the rest of the fronts."

GERMAN.
Berlin (via London), May 4.—"The situation is unchanged on the battle fronts in the west," says tonight's war office report. Intense fighting this morning is recorded. Southeast of Arras English attacks were repulsed, the statement says. The text of the statement follows: "The situation is unchanged on the battle fronts in the west. Artillery was very active during the night in the Kemmel region and on both sides of the Avre."

"It increased this morning to greater intensity. An English partial attack southeast of Arras was repulsed. Artillery activity was revived before Verdun. After unsuccessful enemy reconnoitering thrusts on the Lorraine front fighting activity during the forenoon was small. At Farray wood and west of Blomont the firing was revived but died down. Yesterday 25 enemy airplanes and two balloons were brought down."

"Southwestern Finland has been cleared of the enemy. German troops co-operating with Finnish battalions attacked the enemy between the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Finland. The Finnish force cut off his retreat and the enemy threw down their guns. The prisoners numbered 20,000."

NATION GOES OVER FOR THIRD LOAN TO KEEP LIBERTY
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district rolled up its subscriptions until at 4 o'clock in the afternoon it had taken in subscriptions amounting to \$125,000,000 and continued its drive for as large an over-subscription as possible. It was then \$125,000 above its quota.

Not only New York State, but New York city went over 100 per cent in the final day's work. This made a perfect record for the district, as the twelve northern counties of New Jersey and Fairfield County, Conn., previously had gone over their mark. Banks remained open in New York city until midnight.

Percentages of quotas attained by the districts up to last night show: Minnesota, 125; Boston, 121; Philadelphia, 110; Chicago, 110; Dallas, 105; San Francisco, 102; New York, 101; Richmond, 98; Cleveland, 94, and Atlanta 80.

Delaware, which is in the Philadelphia district, has the honor of being the first State to obtain an extra star for its flag. By yesterday afternoon it had doubled its quota and was still going higher. The Philadelphia district celebrated its success by flying an honor flag from the Liberty Statue, south of the City Hall.

Official reports from the Richmond district indicated that subscriptions amounting to \$135,514,450 were in hand and the \$150,000,000 mark would be reached. Maryland has subscribed \$41,000,000 against a quota of \$33,000,000. Every State in this district is reported to be over the mark. A 33 per cent over-subscription in the New England district was hoped for by the committee. Every State passed its quota. The number of individual subscribers in this district was 1,089,620.

Final subscriptions in the Atlanta district, which has been at the foot of the percentage column, virtually throughout the campaign, came in an avalanche. Sales reported from all parts of the district gave promise that the total may be exceeded by more than 25 per cent.

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Exceeds Quota.
The Department of Commerce yesterday "over the top" in its subscription to the Third Liberty Loan. One million and one hundred dollars worth of Third Liberty Loan bonds is the record of the entire Department of Commerce, while the bureau of the department's headquarters in the Commerce Building at Ninth and Pennsylvania avenue, took a \$200,000 swat at the Kaiser.

At the Census Bureau Liberty 100 meeting last Wednesday, \$6,500 worth of liberty bonds were purchased.

To the efforts of the liberty loan committee of the department is due the splendid showing of this branch of the government's service. The committee is composed of George Johannes, chairman; Clarence C. Weideman, representing the chief clerk's office; Nicholas Eckhardt, Jr., representing the foreign and domestic commerce; Thomas J. Alcantara, representing the Bureau of Navigation; J. H. Dutton, the Bureau of Standards; D. A. Heyser, the Steamboat Inspection Service; and Beatrice Buller, representing the women of the department.

With official investments of \$5,000,000, and individual subscriptions of more than \$2,000,000, for the Third Liberty Loan, the Interior Department brought its total up to over \$20,000,000 for the three loans, according to an announcement from the department office late yesterday. Secretary Lane's appeal to his employees to "match the President" produced more than a thousand eleven-hour subscriptions of \$50.

Interior Department employees in and out of Washington brought their subscriptions for the third loan to \$2,136,520, making a total of over \$5,000,000 from individual subscriptions to the three loans.

The Bureau of Mines led the offices of the department both in Washington and in the field with subscriptions aggregating \$329,000 for the Washington field employees, and \$1,800,000 for the field employees, or a total of \$2,129,000. The Geological Survey came second with \$175,100. Pension Office and Patent Office were close rivals, with \$185,000 for the former and \$185,150 for the latter. For the field employees the Indian Office was only a short distance behind the Bureau of Mines, with \$135,500. Reclamation Service field employees subscribed \$146,900. Land Office \$121,150, and Alaska Engineering Commission \$123,300.

Indiana Aid.
Besides the amounts raised by personal subscription, the Interior Department was officially responsible for the largest of the Indiana aid.

One of the strongest tributes to the merit of S. S. S. is the fact that it is always to be found on the shelves of practically every drug store in this country. Unlike so many preparations that have only a limited sale, S. S. S. is known to druggists everywhere, and many of them have sold it ever since they have been in the drug business.

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able for liberty bond purchasers aggregating \$15,000,000 for the three loans. Bonds to the amount of \$2,646,000 were purchased by the department by special arrangement with persons operating oil lands the title to which is in question. Secretary Lane was able to invest the funds on deposit, covering these withdrawn oil lands, in liberty bonds. In the first loan the funds thus invested totaled \$763,000; in the second loan the amount was \$742,000; and in the campaign just closing it was \$1,200,000.

ITALIAN THEATER QUIET AS AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE FAILS

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aviators co-operated. Another enemy plane was brought down in flames. Expectation of important battle news from the Italian front had been raised earlier in the day by the receipt of a Vienna war office statement that fighting activity had again increased "to considerable violence" along the whole front between the Giudicaval Valley and the Adriatic. Emperor Charles was reported to have gone to the front.

Austrian Attacks Repulsed.
Rome, May 4.—Austrian local attacks against the Italian lines in the mountain area were repulsed, the war office announced tonight. Twelve Austrian machines were brought down in flames, and Italian fighters co-operated in the attack. The text of the statement follows: "In the mountain areas a few prisoners were taken by us in patrol action."

"Southeast of Canope, the enemy was driven back and pursued. An enemy attack on Mount Spitz was stopped by our artillery. Elsewhere the situation is quiet."

Mrs. Isaac Gans Named G. U. Hospital Head
Mrs. Isaac Gans was elected president of the Board of Directors of the Georgetown University Hospital for the ensuing year at the last annual meeting of the board held recently. Mrs. Gans, who has been in the past brought about her re-election to her present office, members of the board said.

The following are the officers of the board: President, Mrs. Gans; Vice President, Mrs. James A. Cahill; Secretary, Mrs. George T. Vaughan; Treasurer, Mrs. Michael J. Ready; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Andrew J. McIntyre; recording secretary, Mrs. Henry Gower; vice presidents, Mrs. James A. Cahill, Mrs. George T. Vaughan, Mrs. Milton E. Ailes, Mrs. D. J. Callahan, Miss Mary E. Kellner, Mrs. Wilfred M. Barton, Mrs. Anna E. Murphy, Mrs. Nellie E. Leary, Mrs. Thomas J. Conry, Mrs. William H. Rapley.

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General Gibson Says He Feels That Every Soldier Should Take Nuxatedron

General John L. Clem, Who Was Sergeant in the U. S. Army at 12 Years of Age; General Gordon, Hero of the Battle of Gettysburg; Judge Samuel S. Yoder, for 18 Years a Practicing Physician and Formerly Surgeon Major in the Army, Also Tell How they Were Benefited by a Short Course in this Remarkable Product.

Dr. James Francis Sullivan and other Physicians explain why Nuxatedron is so valuable as a blood purifier and strengthener, and build up weak, nervous, run-down folks.

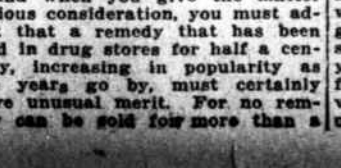
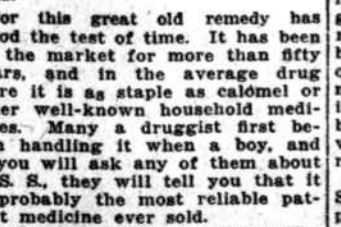
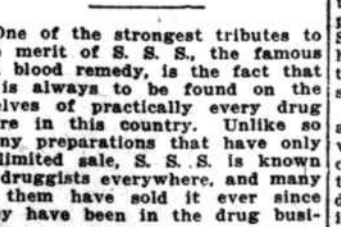
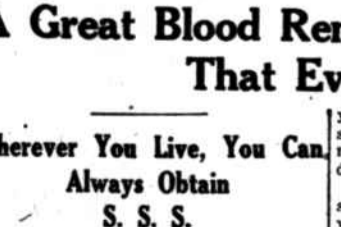
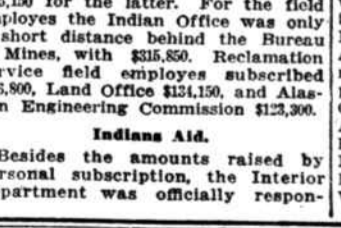
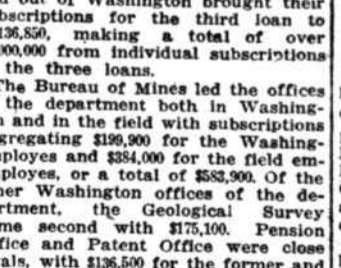
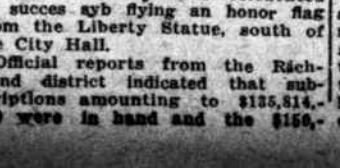
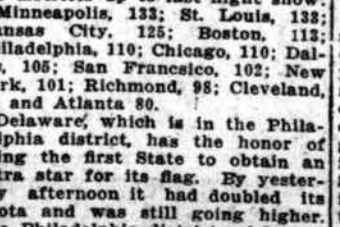
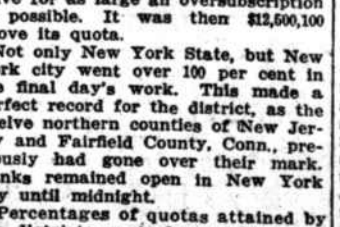
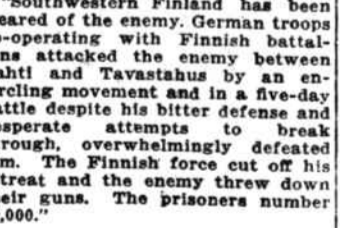
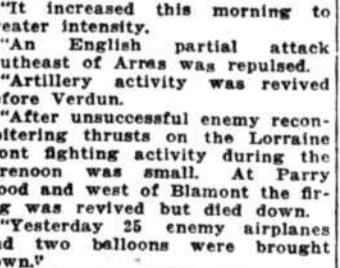
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